



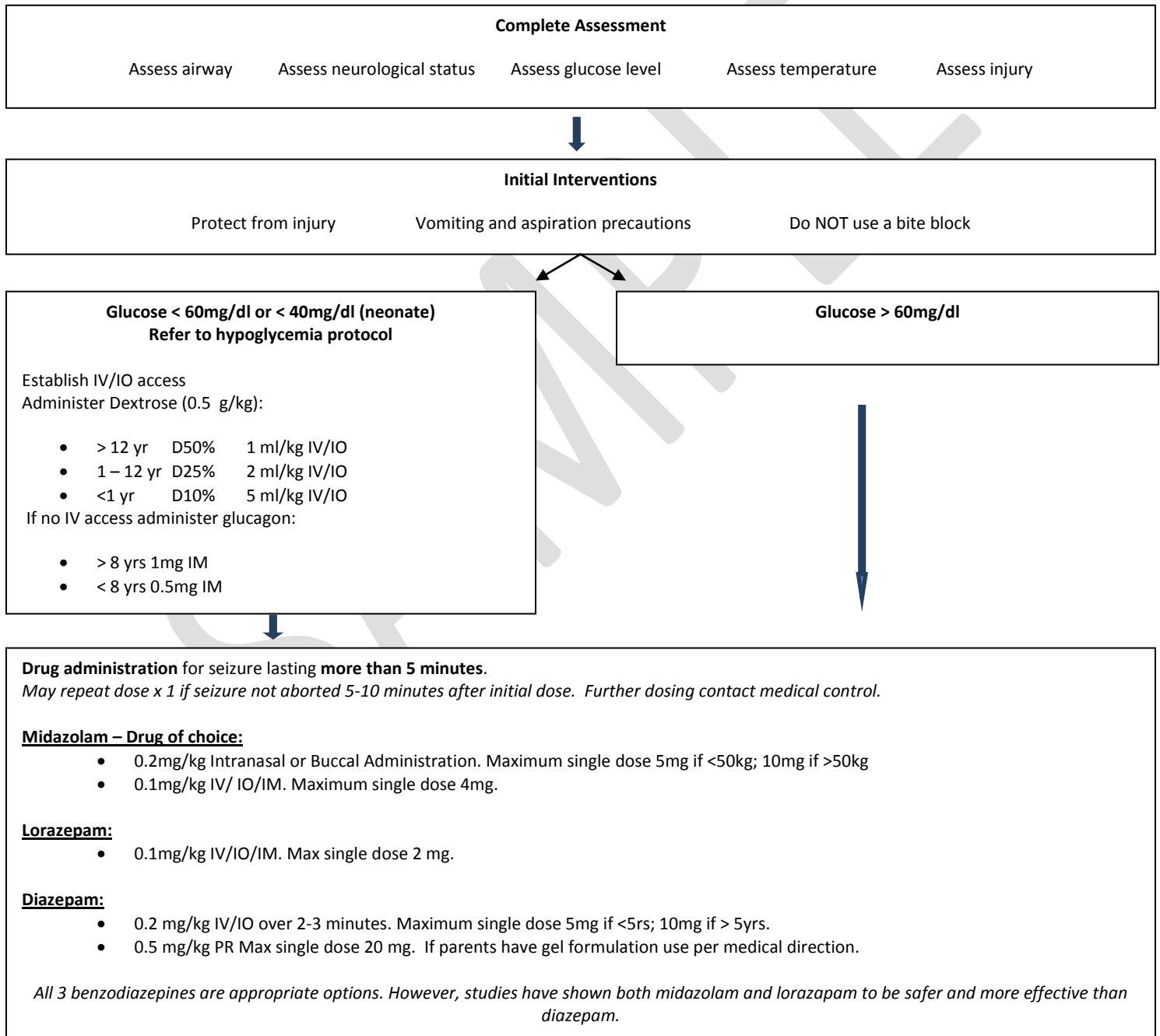
Indiana Emergency Medical Services for Children – Pediatric Seizures

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Pediatric Seizures – A clinical state characterized by abnormal, sustained electrical discharges from a cluster of cerebral nerve cells.

Clinical findings – In infants can be subtle consisting of abnormal gaze, sucking motions, or bicycling motion of the legs. In older children seizures can consist of repetitive muscular contractions and unresponsiveness. Seizures may be associated with fever, hypoxia, hypoglycemia, infection, ingestion, CNS bleeding, metabolic disorders, and congenital neurologic problems.



Patient Considerations

Have airway equipment available. Both status epilepticus and administration of benzodiazepines may precipitate respiratory distress/failure.

See pediatric respiratory distress/failure protocols.